Accidents Among Older Population Is on Decline

NEW YORK—Considerable progress has been made during the last 20 years in reducing fatal accidents among persons aged 65 and over, with a 15 per cent reduction in the rate for the last six years alone, it is reported by insurance company statisticians.

However, accidents at these ages take more than 25,000 lives each year in the United States. This toll is greater than from any other cause except the cardiovascular diseases and cancer.

A statistical study of fatal accidents among the aged indicated that transport and home accidents together account for about two-thirds of all deaths from accidents at almost every age group past 65; secondly, accidents in and about the home account for a rising proportion of the accidental deaths with advance in age.

Falls comprise a large and increasing proportion of the total accident mortality during later life. Among males the proportions are nearly one-third at ages 65-74, one-half at ages 75-84, and three-fourths at ages 85 and over. Among females the proportion of fatal falls is even larger, ranging from one-half at ages 65-74 to nine-tenths at the oldest ages.

Motor vehicle accidents rank second as a cause of fatal injury among older people as a group; in fact, among men at ages 65-74 such accidents outrank every type, including falls. In this age group, motor vehicle accidents account for nearly two-fifths of the accidental deaths among men, and somewhat over a fourth among women.

Bald Eagle Is Vanishing Species

WASHINGTON—If the bald eagle could talk, the national emblem might well complain that it is being deprived of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The population of the majestic bird has decreased alarmingly in recent years. Some naturalists believe only a few thousand are left in the United States.

Though protected by law, the bald eagle's size makes it an enticing target. Too often, young eagles have been mistaken for hawks and shot. Hurricanes and housing developments have destroyed many of their favorite nesting grounds on the Eastern Seaboard.

A king of the skies, the bald eagle once roamed over most of North America. Now the species is most numerous in Florida and Alaska, the extremes of its homeland.

Blindness Scourge of Our Elder Population

NEW YORK—At the turn of the century, insurance companies expected the average American to live above 48 years. Today, despite a pace that can be described only as hectic, the forecast has reached the biblical three score years and ten.

Yet many of us so abuse this gift of added years which science has made possible that we often reach the threshold of senior citizenship in failing health.

This is particularly true of the precious gift of sight, upon which we depend for most of our knowledge when we are young, and our enjoyment of life as we gain in years. Despite marvels already wrought by science, blindness continues to increase each year with the steady rise of our population.

Today, many Americans accept the loss of vision in their senior years as inevitable, part of the price of growing old. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness estimates that more than 27,000 Americans lost their sight last year alone . . . that at least 50 per cent of more than 334,000 blind people in this country are over 60 . . . that at least half of the blindness occurring today is unnecessary because it is preventable.

Protect Your Home Against Needless Fire

If you're like most Americans, you're using electricity in your home in record quantity.

For more than 45 million homes now have a refrigerator, 41 million an electric washer, 40 million a television set and 32 million a vacuum cleaner.

In addition, 8.6 million are equipped with freezers, 5.6 million with clothes dryers and 3.6 million with air conditioners.

Add to these such stand-bys as electric lights, radios, toasters, irons, mixers, and the like, and you'll see the average family has "gone electric" in a big way.

Inadequate and faulty wiring helped make "misuse of electricity" one of the leading causes of fire in the United States last year. Nearly 15 per cent of all fires were so caused.

San Lazzaro Isle Cultural Center For Armenians

WASHINGTON — Gazeteers tell San Lazzaro's story in a few terse words: "Small island in the Lagoon of Venice."

To Armenians throughout the world, however, San Lazzaro is a fragment of the lost homeland. This bit of Italian soil is a center of their heritage and culture, and one of the richest treasuries of Armenian knowledge in the western world.

Living on the tranquil islet are the Armenian Mechitarists, an order of scholarly monks who collect, translate, edit, and publish works about Armenia.

Reddish buildings of the monastery rise from the glassy blue lagoon. The library holds more than 15,000 volumes, including every known book about Armenia and Armenians. It preserves Armenian translations of world classics, and more than 2,000 priceless manuscripts dating from the 5th century, the Golden Age of Armenian literature.

Almost any shred of Armenian fact or lore can be found there, perhaps a 3,500-year-old recipe favored by the ancient gourmet, King Shara. Or the origin of a popular proverb such as, "Whether I eat or not I shall have the fever, so better eat and have the fever!"

San Lazzaro is the creation of a learned priest, Mechitar the Comforter, who founded the Catholic monastery on the site of an old leper colony in 1717.

Time seems to have stood still here. The church lifts its curious onion-shaped tower above the sunny cloisters and terraces. Gardens remain cool and green with vines, fig trees, oleanders, almonds, and cypresses.

Trees Are Part Of Our Heritage

NEW YORK—America's independence is aged in the wood, too, if the tradition of Liberty Trees is any indicator.

Even before the Revolutionary War, the English settlers brought to this country the custom of gathering under village trees to discuss public questions. Providence, Boston, Newport and New York planted trees as symbols of liberty. In fact, Providence dedicated an elm to the Sons of Liberty as far back as July 25, 1786.

One of the cherished surviving Liberty Trees is the giant tulliptree on the St. John's College campus, Annapolis, Md. It already was a giant when the colonies were fighting for their freedom in 1776. A tablet was placed on the tree in 1908 commemorating it as a memorial to the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War. This monarch is still thriving although one-third of the trunk is gone and filled with concrete.

Another famous Liberty Tree is the one near Clinton, Pa., under which the famous Tiadaughton Creek Declaration of Independence is said to have been signed at the same time the Declaration of Independence was being signatured in Philadelphia by the founding fathers.

Survey Reveals High Diphtheria Threat

CHICAGO—Nearly half of the new students entering the University of Minnesota in one year were not immune to diphtheria in spite of a long-time statewide program of diphtheria immunization, it was reported today.

Three university researchers said that 47.2 per cent of 2,859 students entering the university in the fall of 1954 responded positively to the Schick test. A positive reaction to this skin test indicates susceptibility to the disease.

The researchers also found that adults can be inoculated against the disease without suffering severe reactions. The likelihood of such reactions has long been a deterrent to the routine inoculation of adults.

Their study, reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, substantiates other studies which show a high degree of susceptibility to diphtheria in the adult population. It also indicates the need for and the safety of routine inoculation of all students entering college, they said.

The percentage of positive Schick reactions was significantly higher in those students 20 years of age and over than in those under 20 years. It was also higher for men in the age group 20 to 24 than for women in the same age group.

Flying Railroaders

TRAUNSTEIN, Germany — A railroad engineer and fireman were each sentenced to prison terms here for driving their train while drunk.

The two men, who drew sentences of 18 months and one year respectively, pleaded innocent, said they were only trying to make up some lost time.

Home Agent's Notes

"Christmas begins in the kitchen, but must be kept in the heart."

Cookies are simple to make and are good in most any kind of meal. They are wonderful with a glass of milk or a dish of fruit. They are easy to pack, so have an important place in the lunch box or as a special greeting to the boys and girls away from home. Save time by using drop, bar or roll-type cookies. Make them small and dainty. Bake on cookie sheet or pan with low sides.

Old Fashioned Sugar Cookies

2 1-4 c. sifted flour
1-4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. flavoring
1 1-4 c. cugar
1 tbsp. cream
2 eggs, well beaten
1 1-2 tsp. baking powder
1-2 c. butter or shortening (should be at least 1-2 butter)
Nuts, cherries, raisins, colored sugar, gumdrops.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sift again Add flavoring to butter and cream thoroughly. Add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and the cream; then beat thoroughly. Add flour gradually and blend. Chill until firm enough to roll. Roll 1-8 inch thick on slightly floured board. Cut with floured cutter, decorate with nuts, cherries, raisins, colored sugar or bits of gumdrops, and sprinkle with sugar. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in hot oven 400 degrees, for 10 minutes. Makes 3 dozen.

Butterscotch Cookies

1-2 cup butter
2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 tsp. vanilla
1-4 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup shredded cocoanut,
1 cup nuts if desired,

Heat butter and sugar over low heat until bubbly. Remove from heat and cool. Add eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly. One cup nut meats may be added. Spread on greased baking sheet and bake in moderate oven 350 degrees, for 25 minutes. While warm cut in squares and when cool store in cookie jar or tin container with tight lid. Makes 3 dozen.

Ice Box Cookies

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
3 eggs
1 cup butter
4 or more cups flour.

Cream butter, add sugar, beat, add eggs one at a time. Work in enough flour to make stiff dough. Work on a board. Shape into rolls, wrap in wax paper, let stand overnight or longer. Cut very thin. Bake quickly in hot oven, 400 degrees. This dough may be kept in a cool place for 3 weeks or in the refrigerator for 6 weeks or more, and frozen they will keep for three months.

Ice Box Cheese Wafers

1-2 lb. grated sharp cheese
1-2 tsp. salt
1-4 lb. butter
Small pinch red pepper
1 1-2 cups sifted flour.

Cream together cheese, butter, salt, pepper; add flour and make into a roll. Wrap in wax paper and place in refrigerator. When needed slice into thin wafers and bake in moderate, 350 degree, oven. A pecan may be added for decoration. Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

Swedish Oatmeal Cookies

1 1-4 cups oatmeal
1-2 cup sugar
1-2 cup shortening
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-4 teaspoon salt.

Melt fat then stir all ingredients together. Grease and flour baking sheet. Drop batter by teaspoonsfuls about six inches apart. Bake at 350 degrees. Makes about 2 1-2 dozen. 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg, and allspice may be added to 1-2 the batter for variety. Should be lightly browned all the way through. They scorch easily. Note: Lard may be used in these.

Applesauce Cake

Apple sauce
Cake
1 scant cup butter and 2 cups sugar, creamed well together.

Add three eggs well beaten, then add 1 tsp. allspice, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. nutmeg. Next add 2 cups apple sauce that has had 2 tsp. soda beaten into it. Add 3 cups of flour, mix well and then add 2 cups nuts and 2 cups raisins that have had 2-3 cup flour mixed with them thoroughly. Bake in a slow oven for 2 hours.

Britain's trade position improves in November.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

The Young Adult Fellowship Class of the Mount Comfort Methodist Church will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday night, December 21, at 8:00 o'clock, with Miss Mary Anne Wheeler.

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CHEAP INSTRUCTION

Lexington, Va.- Stonewall Jackson was instructed in a school in Lewis County, West Virginia, when he was 15 years of age, at a cost to the county of only 3 cents a day. Present day costs are roughly 35 times that figure.

This fact recently came to the attention of Jay W. Johns, President, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Inc., Lexington, the non-profit organization which purchased Jackson's only home in Lexington and which is now operating it as an admission- free historic shrine.

A friend of Johns' sent him a photostatic copy of a statement, dated March 5, 1838, which Philip Cosz, Jr., Schoolmaster, rendered to the School Commissioners of the county for payment. It included 39 teaching days for Jackson, or $1.17 for the period.

Five other students were taught from 20 to 39 days during the same period by the same schoolmaster. The total cost of instruction for the six was $5.70. To that figure the Schoolmaster added 43 3-4 cents for books and paper furnished the students. His total bill was $6.13 3-4.

How does this cost of instruction compare with present-day figures? No West Virginia figures are immediately available, but Virginia State Department of Education officials were helpful. They examined the pay and cost of instruction in several western Virginia counties, and said a rough average would be about $1.00 a day.

Johns said Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc., is serving as a depository for letters, personal property and other memorabilia of Jackson and his family, so that scholars and others studying Jackson's life may find maximum information in one place.

Christmas note: Remember that several hundred Christmas trees catch fire each year.

Santa Claus is going to have to be careful not to run into any sputniks on his trip from the pole this year.

Play safe — drive carefully.

DRIVE TO SPUR READING OF MORE BOOKS

Mr. Webster S. Rhoads, Jr., president of the Board of Miller and Rhoads, Inc., of Richmond, this week became head of Virginia's part in a major national reading promotion drive, with his appointment as chairman of the Virginia Library Week Committee, it was announced by Dr. Ray O. Hummel, president of the Virginia Library Association.

The program — with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" — is a dramatic citizens' campaign to re-establish reading in the daily life of every American. Focusing on the rewards of reading for fun, knowledge and advancement, and on the services of libraries, of all kinds, the drive will culminate in the first National Library Week, March 16-22, 1958.

"Now, as never before, a united effort to increase reading is needed," Rhoads said. "A recent survey shows that over 60% of U. S. adults had not read a single book last year, other than the Bible.

"More reading is vital for an informed public in today's complex world — and for mental challenge and satisfying recreation in the coming age of leisure."

The Virginia Library Week Committee will be made up of chairmen of local Library Week Committees in cities and counties around the state.

U. S. successfully fires Atlas intercontinental missile.

BACTERIA COATING FOUND

New York.- A discovery that bacteria are coated with an acid that until now has been found only in mammals was reported by Dr. Guy T. Barry, of Rockefeller Institute.

California returns accused killer of two North Carolina highway patrolmen to Raleigh.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Five coal miners killed near Beckley, West Virginia, in rock cave-in.

Drive safely during the holidays.

OPPOSES PROPOSAL

The proposal by the Agricultural Conference Board of Virginia to use one cent of the tax refund on farm gasoline to strengthen agricultural research and education is being opposed by the Virginia Farmers Union, one of the state's two major farm organizations.

John B. Vance, VFU president, said today that the executive committee had unanimously adopted a resolution placing the organization on record as being opposed to the proposal and listing four major reasons for the position it takes.

Navy pilots have been testing the new Automatic Carrier Landing System which makes it possible to land planes aboard carriers without touching the controls, in weather so bad that a conventional landing would be impossible.

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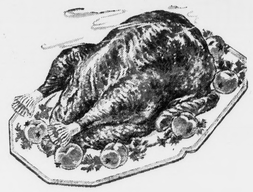

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